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**SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY TASS OFFICIAL HUMAN SOVIET INTENTION TO
RE-ESTABLISH OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL**

A TASS OFFICIAL IN CAIRO SAID YESTERDAY MOSCOW INTENDS TO RE-ESTABLISH OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL "SHORTLY," PERHAPS WHEN THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENS.

THE RUSSIAN SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER MOSCOW WAS CON-
TEMPLATING RESUMPTION OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OR MERELY THE
OPENING OF NON-DIPLOMATIC OFFICES. HE ASSERTED THAT A TASS
CORRESPONDENT HAS BEEN SELECTED TO MAN THE TEL AVIV OFFICE "WHEN
THE TIME COMES."

3 THE SOVIETS PUT OUT SIMILAR STORIES LAST JUNE WHICH CAME
2 TO NAUGHT. ALTHOUGH MOSCOW MAY THINK THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF
1 INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL WOULD BE LESS OFFENSIVE TO THE

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ARABS THAN RESUMPTION OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IT SEEMS
 LIKELY THAT THE CURRENT REPORT IS A TRIAL BALLOON DESIGNED TO
 --PUT THE ARABS ON NOTICE THAT MOSCOW HAS OPTIONS IN THE
 MIDDLE EAST PEACE DIALOGUE.

--SIGNAL TO THE PALESTINIANS THAT MOSCOW BACKS THE RIGHT OF
 ISRAEL TO EXIST.

--PLACATE PRO-ISRAELI SENTIMENT IN THE US

THE SOVIETS CERTAINLY CONTEMPLATE RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC
 RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL WHEN MOVEMENT TOWARD A PEACE SETTLEMENT CAN
 BE USED TO JUSTIFY SUCH ACTION TO THE ARABS.

FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO RECENTLY TOLD US AMBASSADOR STOESEL
 THAT, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, MOSCOW WAS READY TO CONSIDER
 NORMALIZING ITS RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. BREZHNEV HIMSELF RAISED
 THE POSSIBILITY IN A SPEECH LAST JUNE WHEN HE REFERRED TO MOSCOW'S
 INTENTION OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH "ALL" STATES OF THE MIDDLE

EAST.

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